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"fenced in" view as
they watch a recent
training camp prac-
tice. (Bear Report
photo by Bill Smith)



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Preseason Schedule

(all times
are Central)

August 4 (Saturday)
August 11 (Saturday)
August 18 (Saturday)
August 25 (Saturday)

Bears 27, New York Jets 14

at New Orleans
CINCINNATI
at St. Louis

1 p.m.
6 p.m.
6 p.m.

Regular Season

September 2 (Sunday)
September 9 (Sunday)
September 16 (Sunday)
September 23 (Sunday)
September 30 (Sunday)
October 7 (Sunday)
October 14 (Sunday)
October 21 (Sunday)
October 28 (Sunday)
November 4 (Sunday)
November 11 (Sunday)
November 18 (Sunday)
November 22 (Thursday)
December 2 (Sunday)
December 9 (Sunday)
December 16 (Sunday)

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MINNESOTA
at Dallas
at Miami
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In Canton

SPORTSAGRAM EDITOR Rich Bysina (left) recently visited the Hall of Fame in Canton, OH to promote his new "Fun Book" which is on sale there. Anne Monnot, (center) the Hall's research librarian, and John Bankert, (right) vice president of operations, helped Bysina with the book.

First Victory Is a Confidence Builder

Although there is no accurate way to measure it, confidence is probably one of the most important aspects of a successful football team. A team can have loads of talent, but if confidence is lacking, the team will not be a success.

This is why our victory over the Jets last Saturday is so important. We had a disappointing season in 1978 and we really wanted to start off on the right track this year. The victory will give us the confidence we need to have a good season.

THE LAST TIME we won a pre-season opener was in 1977, also against the Jets. We won that game 20-7 and later in the season entered the post-season playoffs as a wild card entry. For part of that campaign, we seemed to lack confidence in ourselves but we gained it back during the second half when we won six straight games.

In Saturday night's game we were going up against a team which had been one of the top offensive powers in the league during 1978. Although the Jets scored two touchdowns, our defense intercepted four passes and we recovered one fumble. We had the confidence to help us stop an offense like the one the Jets have.

But the guy who probably gained the most

Evans Played With Poise

confidence in that game was Vince Evans, our third year quarterback. He has had little playing time during his short career but he certainly didn't show it against the Jets. He looked very poised and performed like a true professional passer. If you didn't know it, you would have thought he was our starting quarterback last season.

IN GENERAL, our passing game looked much better. Not only were we passing to our wide receivers, but we were also hitting our tight ends and running backs. It gave the offense an entirely new look.

But what helped the offense the most was a lack of turnovers. There were no fumbles and only one pass was intercepted. The team that has the fewest turnovers usually wins more games than the team which continually coughs up the ball.

We played the Jets like we had prepared for them all week. Yet we spent very little time pre-

paring for them specifically. In fact, we didn't even view any film on the team.

DURING THE pre-season, we prepare for certain defenses and offenses in general rather than taking each team and preparing for it specifically. Even this week, we will watch very little film on the New Orleans Saints our next opponent.

As camp continues, we are gearing ourselves for our regular season opener against the Packers. We are working on a lot of different formations and obviously a lot of adjustments are being made. But this is the purpose of the pre-season. It is a time to make changes for the better.

When the training camp ends, we will alter our format and will prepare for each team on an individual basis. Personally, I study film of opposing offenses for three or four days prior to a regular season game and my thoughts are concerned totally with that one team.

Regardless of preparation time, our defense certainly knows it will have another tough test when we play the Saints in New Orleans this Saturday. Archie Manning has developed into one of the toughest quarterbacks in football, and we will need a good performance to stop him.

Evans Displays Power

Second Quarter Burst Leads Bears To Victory

By Mark R. Friedlander
Managing Editor

Bear fans have always cheered for the reserve quarterbacks. A few years ago, the constant chant was "We want Huff, we want Huff, etc...." referring to Gary Huff, the former Chicago quarterback who spent four seasons with the club.

For the past two seasons the cry has been, "We want Evans, we want Evans, etc..." referring to Vince Evans, the Southern Cal graduate who is entering his third season with the Bears.

EVANS MADE ALL of those fans happy last Saturday night as he hurled three touchdown passes in 13 minutes of the second quarter against the New York Jets. The Bears won the contest 27-14. Following the game, Chicago head coach Neill Armstrong praised his young quarterback.

"Vince is showing more confidence in his ability and what he can do. It has been evident since the start of training camp," Armstrong said. However, Evans' performance did not guarantee him a start on opening day against the Green Bay Packers.

"What Vince did tonight is certainly going to help him have a shot at starting," Armstrong said. "All the quarterbacks performed well in this game. We must take a lot of things into consideration before making a final decision on who is going to start the regular season."

EVANS ENTERED the game on the Bears first offensive drive in the second quarter. He replaced Mike Phipps who suffered an injury to his leg in the first quarter.

"Phipps didn't get much protection," Armstrong said. "When he got banged up, I thought it best to get him out of there."

Evans wasted no time once he got into the game. After Roland Harper ran the ball for no gain, Evans put the ball into the air. The first pass was to Harper for a 10-yard gain and a first down. It was followed by a long hurl to wide receiver James Scott who stepped back to catch the ball and then ran it into the end zone for a 70 yard touchdown play.

"**THAT PASS** to Scott was underthrown," Evans said. "I knew I was about to get hit and I had to get rid of the ball. I took a seven step



WHEN HE WASN'T passing for touchdowns, Vince Evans was running for first downs. Here he scrambles for nine yards. (Bear Report photo by Bill Smith)

dropback instead of a five, and it made me throw longer. There was great concentration on Scott's part to catch the ball."

The touchdown pass got the whole Bears team rolling. Cornerback Virgil Livers intercepted a Richard Todd pass to begin the next Bears scoring drive. It was climaxed by 48-yard

field goal by veteran kicker Bob Thomas to put Chicago ahead 10-0. But the excitement had only begun.

On the Jets' next play from scrimmage Todd let loose on a pass to Wesley Walker for a 64 yard gain. On the following play, running back Scott Dierking carried the ball four yards for a New York touchdown and with the extra-point conversion, the gap was closed to three points.

A FEW MINUTES later, rookie linebacker John Sullivan, of the Bears, made his presence known. He intercepted a Todd pass and returned it to the New York 30 yard line. Six plays later, Evans found Scott open once again. This time Scott was in the end zone as he stretched out to catch the six-yard pass from Evans. An extra point made it 17-7 Bears. However, Evans was not through displaying his passing ability.

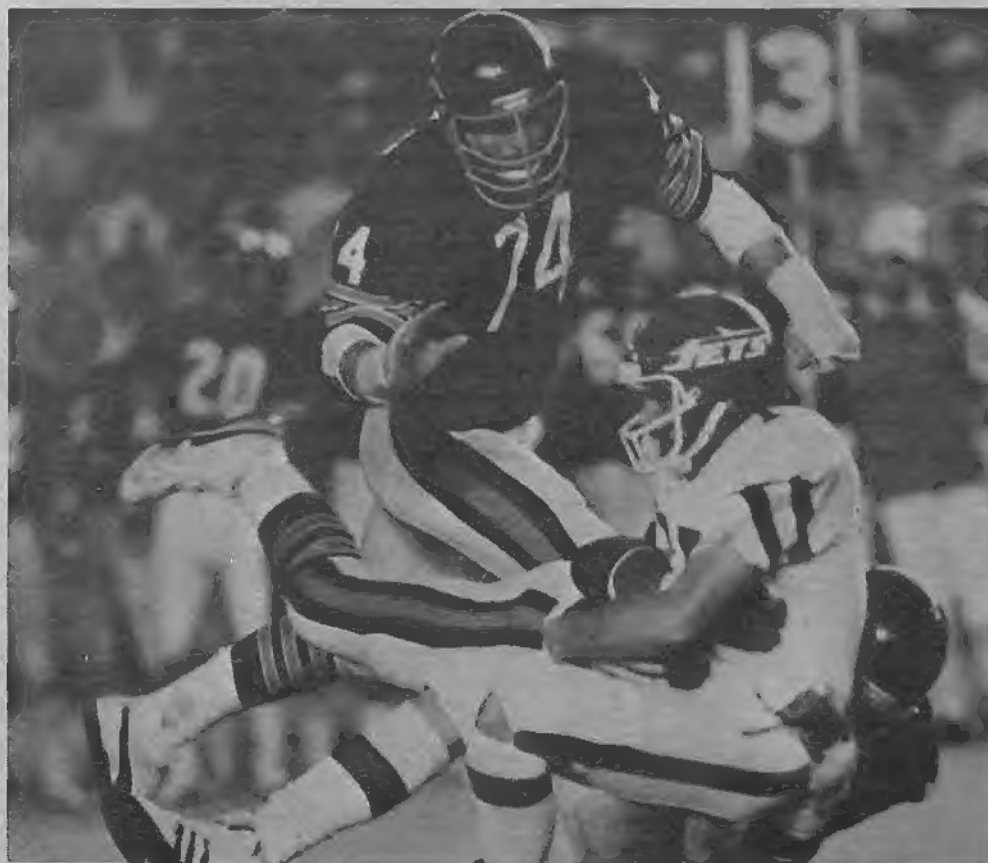
As the first half was coming to an end, Evans found tight end Mike Cobb wide open and connected on a 22-yard pass for the Bears third touchdown of the quarter. The Bears had scored more points in one quarter (24) than they had in 15 of 16 entire games last season. Obviously, Evans was awarded the game ball for his performance. He sat out the rest of the contest after completing nine of twelve passes for 165 yards and rushing 3 times for 12 more.

"In my mind, I was hoping the coaches would give everybody an equal opportunity in this game, not just the quarterbacks," Evans said. "This is what the pre-season is for. It is an experimental stage."

IN AN UNFAMILIAR role, Bob Avellini was at the helm for the second half of the game. He

Orange and Blue Crush

BEAR Linebacker Bruce Herron (below) yanks Jet quarterback Matt Robinson to the turf. Jerry Meyers (74) wants to make sure Robinson stays down. (Bear Report photo by Bill Smith)



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Bears-Jets Game Statistics

SCORING SUMMARY

New York Jets	0	7	0	7	— 14
Chicago Bears	0	24	3	0	— 27

BEARS — 2 - Scott pass from Evans 70 yards (Thomas kick).
 BEARS — 2 - Thomas 48-yard field goal.
 JETS — 2 - Dierking 4-yard run (Alred kick).
 BEARS — 2 - Scott pass from Evans 6 yards (Thomas kick).
 BEARS — 2 - Cobb 22-yard pass from Evans (Thomas kick).
 BEARS — 3 - Thomas 37-yard field goal.
 JETS — 4 - Shuler 4-yard pass from Robinson (Jacobs kick).
 ATTENDANCE: 51,716 TIME: 2:45.

FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

	Jets	Bears
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	19	20
By Rushing	7	8
By Passing	12	10
By Penalty	0	2
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	3-9-33	4-14-29
TOTAL NET YARDS	360	360
Total Off. Plays		
(Inc. times passing)	60	68
Av. Gain per Off. Play	6.0	5.3
NET YARDS RUSHING	122	148
Total Rushing Plays	33	40
Av. Gain Per Rush. Play	3.7	3.7
NET YARDS PASSING	238	212
Times Thrown		
Yds. Lost Att. To Pass	1-13	1-11
Gross Yds. Passing	251	223
PASS ATT. — COMP. —		
HAD INTERCEPTED	26-12-4	27-15-1
Av. Gain Per Pass Play		
(Inc. times passing)	8.8	7.6
PUNTS — NO. AND AV.	3-32.0	4-35.8
Had Blocked	0	0
TOTAL RET. YARDAGE	124	129
No. and Yds. Punt Ret.	2-22	2-16
No. and Yds. KO Returns	5-87	3-55
No. and Yds. Interc. Ret.	1-15	4-58
PENALTIES — NO. AND YDS.	4-62	9-75
FUMBLES — NO. AND LOST	3-1	0-0
TOUCHDOWNS	2	3
Rushing	1	0
Passing	1	3
Returns	0	0
EXTRA PTS. MADE — ATT.	2-2	3-3
FG MADE — ATT.	0-0	2-4
TIME OF POSSESSION	24:23	35:37

FINAL INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	Jets	Bears
RUSHING		
Dierking	8	30
K. Long	6	17
Madau	1	0
B. Harper	4	12
Gaines	2	20
Newton	3	13
Paige	4	21
M. Robinson	1	9
PASSING		
Todd	13	5
M. Robinson	13	7
PASS RECEIVING		
Barkum	1	17
Dierking	1	12
Gaffney	1	19
B. Harper	2	52
Walker	2	85
Stephens	2	33
Shuler	2	17
Paige	1	16
INTERCEPTIONS		
Suggs	1	15
PUNTING		
Madau	3	96
Punt Returns		
B. Harper	1	0
Stephens	1	0
* Touchback	1	0
* Downed	1	0

KO RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Elliott	1	7	7	0
Stephens	3	65	25	0
Bennett	1	15	15	0
FUMBLES				
Madau	1	1	-19	0
Long	1	0	0	0
M. Robinson	1	1	-2	0

Bears

	At.	Net	Yds.	Av.	LG	TD
RUSHING						
R. Harper	3	7	2.3	4	0	0
Payton	4	17	4.3	8	0	0
Phipps	1	2	2.0	2	0	0
Earl	5	21	4.2	9	0	0
Evans	3	12	4.0	9	0	0
Best	2	4	2.0	6	0	0
Skibinski	16	64	4.0	12	0	0
Avellini	1	1	1.0	1	0	0
McClendon	5	20	4.0	10	0	0
PASSING						
Phipps	6	2	24	1/11	0	17
Evans	12	9	165	0/0	3	70
Avellini	9	4	34	0/0	0	14
Kraker	0	0	0	0	0	0
PASS RECEIVING						
Scott	3	93	70	2	2	0
Latta	1	7	7	0	0	0
R. Harper	1	10	10	0	0	0
Earl	1	12	12	0	0	0
Best	2	34	23	0	0	0
Cobb	3	38	22	1	0	0
Skibinski	2	20	14	0	0	0
Watts	1	10	10	0	0	0
McClendon	1	-1	0	0	0	0
INTERCEPTIONS						
Livers	1	33	33	0	0	0
Sullivan	1	6	6	0	0	0
Schmidt	1	1	1	0	0	0
Walterscheid	1	18	18	0	0	0
PUNTING						
Parsons	4	143	35.8	1	0	41
PUNT RETURNS						
Walterscheid	2	0	16	11	0	0
* outbounds	1	0	0	0	0	0
KICKOFF RETURNS						
Latta	1	11	11	0	0	0
Earl	1	23	23	0	0	0
Baschnagel	1	21	21	0	0	0
FUMBLES						
Buffone	1	2	0	0	0	0

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS (Unofficial)

	T	M	SK	YL	Int.	PD	FR
Restic	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Walterscheid	2	2	0	0	1	0	0
Livers	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Becker	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gaines	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schmidt	2	0	0	0	1	1	0
Fencik	5	2	0	0	0	1	0
Plank	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Spivey	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ellis	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Snikeris	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sullivan	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Herron	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Buffone	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kunz	2	2	0	1/6	0	0	0
Muckensturm	5	0	0	3/22	0	0	0
Campbell	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Devlin	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Osborne	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Shearer	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Hartenstine	4	0	1/2	1/1	0	0	0

Meyers	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rydalch	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Page	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hampton	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harper	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Best	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Baschnagel	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Watts	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Jets

	T	A	SK	YL	Int.	PD	FR
Suggs	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Dykes	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lynn	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Moresco	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Jackson	3	1	0	0	0	1	0
Elliott	4	0	0	1/1	0	0	0
Schroy	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Mock	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Buttle	1	1	1/11	1/2	0	0	0
Hennigan	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
McKibben	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Blinka	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Keller	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kirchbaum	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Merrill	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hennessey	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Moreino	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Klecko	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
Pillers	6	1	0	1/1	0	0	0
Pellegrin	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lyons	1	1	0	1/1	0	0	0
Hover	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gastineau	2	2	0	2/8	0	0	0
Washington	2	0	0	1/3	0	0	0
Madau	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Rasmussen	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Todd	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shuler	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Darby	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robinson	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Paige	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Saints Lose Opener

New Orleans will be looking for its first victory of the pre-season against the Bears on Saturday after losing to the Miami Dolphins 14-7 last Friday night in Miami.

The Saints had a 7-0 lead going into the fourth quarter before the Dolphins scored two touchdowns to win. Archie Manning scored the only New Orleans touchdown on a one-yard run in the first quarter.

Harris Recovering

Al Harris, who underwent knee surgery after being injured in Atlanta, began rehabilitation on his left knee last week. He is expected to be ready to play for most of the regular season.

Bears Trade For Center

Al Pitts, a rookie center, was obtained from the Dallas Cowboys last week in a trade for an undisclosed future draft choice. Pitts, was a captain on the Michigan State Spartans football club in 1977 and was an all-Big Ten selection. Pitts was selected by the Cleveland Browns in the sixth round of the 1978 draft but was released on the last cut before the regular season began. The Cowboys signed him as a free agent in May. He is 6-4, 225 pounds and can also play guard.

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Three Touchdown Passes Give Bears 27-14 Victory

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was working with mostly reserves and rookies. Under his direction, the Bears scored another field goal.

"Bob did exactly what we asked him to do," Armstrong said. "At that stage of the game we wanted him to control the ball."

Although Avellini was placed in a reserve role, he was not bitter about it and had nothing but praise for Evans.

"FOR SOMEONE who hasn't had that much playing time, Vince got the feel very quick," Avellini said.

The Jets put one final touchdown on the scoreboard in the fourth quarter as quarterback Matt Robinson connected with tight end Mickey Shuler on a four-yard pass.

As the game was about to end, rookie Pete Kraker took over the quarterback chores from Avellini. He was only in for one play and did not have a chance to throw the ball.

"I'm glad we got to play a lot of people," Armstrong said. "We went through the plays we wanted to and did what had to be done."

Pre Season Standings

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
NY Giants	1	0	0	1.000	27	7
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	9	7
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	20	26
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	14	17
St. Louis	0	1	0	.000	7	9

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	27	14
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	14	10
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	28	40
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	9	12
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	7	9

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Los Angeles	1	0	0	1.000	20	14
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	13	10
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	14	37
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	7	14

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	1	0	0	1.000	37	14
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	17	14
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	14	7
NY Jets	0	1	0	.000	14	27
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	7	15

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	40	28
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	15	7
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	9	7
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	7	27

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	12	9
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	34	33
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	10	14
San Diego	0	1	0	.000	10	13
Denver	0	1	0	.000	6	7

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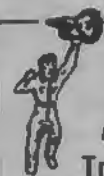
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Long Struggle Comes To An End

Antoine Played Hurt Throughout Pro Career

On his final day as a Bear, Lionel Antoine was wearing a basketball jersey with "Antione" printed on the back. There was always something that wasn't quite right about his career. The something was usually his knee.

When Antoine was 13 years old, he was barred from small-fry football because at 6-1, 150 he was no small-fry.

WHEN HE GOT into the pros, in his first preseason game, he was unmercifully pounding someone from the Houston Oilers when suddenly his knee gave out as he was running across the Astrodome floor. It was as if the Good Lord was telling him, "Lionel, you're too big for this league too; you're going to hurt someone. You will have to play with a handicap."

So Antoine played for six years on a leg and a half.

"I think he was born limping," said Abe Gibrion, the coach who made him the third player taken in the 1972 draft.

THE SERIOUSNESS of his injury was not immediately known or understood or publicized. The Bears brought him back late in the same season and tried him at defensive end for a couple games. They were so eager to see him play — anywhere, offensive tackle, tight end, defensive end, defensive tackle. He had played all those at Southern Illinois and when he got to the Senior Bowl, any doubt about his small college background was erased.

He was the top prospect there, the scouts thought. Gibrion drafted him after Buffalo took Walt Patulski and Cincinnati took Sherman White. Franco Harris was in that draft. So was Riley Odoms and Ahmad Rashad and Willie Buchanan and Jeff Siemon. No one second-guessed the choice of Antoine. He was 6-6, a lean 250 pounds, and he didn't have an agent.

"Stay away from those guys," said Gibrion.

IT WAS THE start of a new era for the Bears. He was Gibrion's first draft choice. And the fact that he didn't have an agent was only a minor consideration in the Bears' thinking. They had picked a player with other qualities.

Even with a cast from ankle to hip, Antoine demonstrated some of those qualities at his first training camp. He was a good team man, with an old-fashioned sense of loyalty, a sense of humor, and a smile so wide it nearly outstretched his shoulder pads. And he could drink beer with the best of them. Or he thought he could.

In one of the great scenes in NFL history, Antoine found himself in a beer-chugging contest at a team party. It was in a clearing in the woods of St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Ind., sort of a Robin Hood and his merry men affair with Gibrion impersonating Friar Tuck.

AT ONE SET of tables, Antoine was taking on all comers and winning easily. Gibrion sat down to face him.

"I ain't never seen you drink anything, Abe," said safety Ron Smith. "But I got 20 dollars on you."

Gibrion was no match for the kid, who by this time was well warmed up.



It's
All
Over

AFTER battling a knee injury throughout his career, Lionel Antoine has retired. (Bear Report photo by Bill Smith)

IN ANOTHER area sat Dick Butkus. Teammates wanted a duel. The reluctant Butkus was finally convinced. He would go into the briar patch against the young champion. The tension mounted. Money was tossed onto tables.

"Watch this," said Bill George, an assistant coach. "I saw Butkus against Dick Evey once and they even made the hole bigger in Evey's can to give him a chance. Butkus killed him."

Gale Sayers appointed himself chief judge and starter. He measured the amount of beer in each paper cup.

"WHEN MY fist hits the table, stact," Sayers said.

With players crowding around, some standing on tables for a closer view, Sayers' hand came crashing down.

Up went Butkus' cup; up went Antoine's cup. Just as quickly, Butkus' slammed his cup back on the table. He must have choked. Surely, the beer had gone down his windpipe and he had to abort. But the cup was empty.

"ROOKIES," muttered Butkus. "They'll never learn."

Antoine did learn, of course. His knee was never the same, but somehow he managed to

play offensive tackle and play it pretty well. By 1976, the joint had stabilized well enough for Antoine to set sights on "an All-Pro year." It was, too. He played a stretch during that year against Cedrick Hardman, Jim Marshall, Fred Dryer, Harvey Martin, and Marshall again and said, "I whipped them all." He wasn't bragging.

"Buddy Ryan had a reel of film with six Bear games on it that year and Antoine didn't get beat once," said Coach Neill Armstrong, who was at Minnesota at the time.

"I REMEMBER I came in as a free agent that year and he was the leader of the line and he was killing people," said safety Gary Fencik.

It was not without pain and not without a price, however. Doctors probably drained more fluid off Lionel Antoine's knee than any other knee in Bear history.

"I always used to say it didn't bother me, that I was doing fine, saying it was coming along," said Antoine on his final day. "Now I can say how much it hurt. The leg is bad and I can't play anymore and I feel good about it. The pressure is off."

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BEARS VS. SAINTS ROSTERS

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1:00 p.m. CDT

Chicago Bears Camp Roster

Manning Has Best Season In 1978

New Orleans Camp Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
7	Bob Avelini	QB	6-2	205	25	5	Maryland
8	Vince Evans	QB	6-2	208	24	3	Southern Cal.
9	Billy Todd	K	6-1	190	22	R	Nebraska
14	Pete Kraker	QB	6-0	195	23	R	No. Illinois
15	Mike Phipps	QB	6-3	209	31	10	Purdue
16	Bob Thomas	K	5-10	171	26	5	Notre Dame
18	Joe Restic	S-P	6-2	193	21	R	Notre Dame
20	Ron Robinson	WR	6-3	192	23	1	Utah State
21	Bruce Gibson	RB	6-0	230	23	1	Pacific
23	Lenny Walterscheid	S-KR	5-11	186	24	3	South. Utah St.
24	Virgil Livers	CB-KR	5-8	180	27	5	West. Kentucky
25	Art Best	RB-KR	6-1	206	26	3	Kent State
26	Troy Pendleton	DB	6-0	170	22	R	Luther
27	Dave Becker	S	6-2	190	22	R	Iowa
30	John Skibinski	RB	6-0	218	24	2	Purdue
31	Jim Rogers	RB	5-10	188	24	R	Oklahoma
32	Ron Harris	RB	5-9	190	24	1	Colorado St.
33	Jerome Heavens	RB	5-11	207	21	R	Notre Dame
34	Walter Payton	RB-KR	5-10	202	24	5	Jackson State
35	Roland Harper	RB	5-11	210	26	5	Louisiana Tech
36	Wentford Gaines	CB	6-0	185	26	2	Cincinnati
37	Willie McClendon	RB	6-1	205	21	R	Georgia
38	George Freitas	TE	6-3	222	22	1	California
39	Robin Earl	RB-P	6-5	241	24	3	Washington
43	Pat Wacker	WR	6-3	195	21	R	North Dakota
44	Terry Schmidt	CB-S	6-0	177	27	6	Ball State
45	Gary Fencik	S	6-1	192	25	4	Yale
46	Doug Plank	S	5-11	197	26	5	Ohio State
47	Mike Spivey	CB-KR	6-0	195	25	3	Colorado
48	Allan Ellis	CB	5-10	174	27	6	UCLA
49	Jim Snikeris	LB	6-0	230	24	1	Ill. Wesleyan
50	John Sullivan	LB	6-1	221	22	R	Illinois
51	Bruce Herron	LB	6-2	220	25	2	New Mexico
52	Dan Neal	C-G	6-4	254	29	7	Kentucky
53	Tommy Hart	DE	6-4	246	34	12	Morris Brown
54	Tom Hicks	LB	6-4	235	26	4	Illinois
55	Doug Buffone	LB	6-2	226	35	13	Louisville
57	Lee Kunz	LB	6-2	226	22	R	Nebraska
58	Jerry Muckenturm	LB	6-4	219	25	4	Arkansas St.
59	Gary Campbell	LB	6-1	218	27	3	Colorado
60	Chris Devlin	LB	6-2	220	25	4	Penn State
62	Dan Jiggetts	T	6-4	276	25	4	Harvard
63	Tony Arizzone	C	6-3	240	22	1	Northwestern
64	Ted Albrecht	T-G	6-4	255	24	3	California
65	Noah Jackson	G	6-2	275	28	5	Tampa
67	Mark Moselle	G	6-3	232	22	R	Wis.-Superior
68	Jim Osborne	DT	6-3	245	29	8	Southern
69	Revie Sorey	G	6-2	263	25	5	Illinois
70	Dennis Lick	T	6-3	266	25	4	Wisconsin
71	Rocco Moore	T	6-6	273	24	1	Western Mich.
72	Brad Shearer	DT	6-3	254	23	2	Texas
73	Mike Hartenstine	DE	6-3	238	25	5	Penn State
74	Jerry Meyers	DT	6-4	245	25	4	No. Illinois
75	Jeff Sevy	G-T	6-5	267	28	5	California
76	Ron Rydallch	DT	6-4	251	27	5	Utah
79	Lionel Antoine	T	6-6	267	28	7	So. Illinois
80	Maurice Horton	WR	6-0	180	25	R	McKendale
81	Paul Seymour	TE	6-5	245	29	6	Michigan
82	Alan Page	DT	6-4	225	33	13	Notre Dame
83	Golden Richards	WR	6-0	180	27	7	Hawaii
84	Brian Baschnagel	WR-KR	6-0	184	25	4	Ohio State
85	Steve Schubert	WR-KR	5-10	184	28	6	Massachusetts
86	Bob Parsons	TE-P	6-5	244	29	8	Penn State
87	Mike Cobb	TE	6-5	248	23	3	Michigan
88	Greg Latta	TE	6-3	229	26	5	Morgan State
89	James Scott	WR-KR	6-1	191	26	4	Henderson J.C.
90	Al Harris	DE	6-5	236	22	R	Arizona State
91	Rickey Watts	WR	6-1	202	22	R	Tulsa
92	Dave Petzke	WR	6-1	180	22	R	No. Illinois
93	Phil Olson	TE	6-2	225	22	R	Dartmouth
94	Carl Larson	C	6-4	255	22	R	St. Cloud St.
95	Rick Morrison	WR	5-11	170	21	R	Ball State
96	Bob Wright	T	6-5	255	22	R	Cincinnati
98	Jim Moore	C	6-4	235	22	R	Wisconsin
99	Dan Hampton	DT	6-5	256	21	R	Arkansas



Archie Manning

Special to the Bear Report

VERO BEACH, FL — Archie Manning, quarterback of the New Orleans Saints, had the best year of his career last season.

The nine-year veteran from Mississippi completed 291 of 471 passes for 3,416 total yards. This includes a 344-yard passing game against the world champion Pittsburgh Steelers.

HIS 1978 SEASON performance earned him awards such as "Player of the Year" — in the NFC by United Press International and the first team NFC quarterback in both sportswriters polls.

It was a season many pro quarterbacks only dream of having. Yet Manning's head coach, Dick Nolan, feels he can have a better season this year.

"Archie had a great year and we fully expect him to be better in 1979," Nolan has been quoted as saying.

DESPITE MANNING'S impressive statistics, the Saints finished the season with a 7-9 record, finishing third in the NFC Western Division behind Los Angeles and Atlanta. Yet it was the best record the team had ever compiled. It was Nolan's first year as head coach.

"You look back at some of the things that happened to us last season, and you feel they won't happen again," he said. One of those things was

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Yr.	College
8	Archie Manning	QB	6-3	200	30	9	Mississippi
11	Ed Burns	QB	6-3	210	24	2	Nebraska
12	Bobby Scott	QB	6-1	197	30	8	Tennessee
13	David Spriggs	QB	6-1	220	22	R	New Mexico St.
14	Russell Eratheon	K-P	6-4	219	22	R	Texas
15	Rich Szaro	K	5-11	204	31	5	Harvard
16	Tom Blanchard	P	6-0	180	30	9	Oregon
17	Tom Rozantz	QB	6-1	191	22	R	William & Mary
20	Eric Felton	CB	6-0	200	23	2	Texas Tech
21	Dano Bivins	WR	5-10	183	24	R	Georgetown Ky.
22	Ricky Ray	CB	5-11	180	22	R	Norfolk State
24	Clarence Chapman	CB	5-10	185	25	4	E. Michigan
25	Harlan Huckleby	HB	6-0	196	21	R	Michigan
26	Jimmy Stewart	SS	5-11	190	24	2	Tulsa
27	Ray Brown	SS	6-2	202	30	9	West Texas St.
28	Howard Stoddard	WR	6-3	202	25	1	Southern Cal.
29	Maurice Spencer	CB	6-0	176	27	5	N.C. Central
30	Ricky Wesson	DB	5-10	175	24	2	S. Methodist
32	Kim Jones	FB	6-4	235	27	4	Colorado State
33	Mike Strachan	HB	6-0	200	26	5	Iowa State
34	Tony Galbreath	FB	6-1	230	25	4	Missouri
35	Jim Van Wagner	FB	6-0	202	24	2	Michigan Tech
36	Kelsey Finch	HB	6-0	207	22	R	Tennessee
37	Tom Myers	FS	6-0	180	28	8	Syracuse
38	Vickey Ray Anderson	RB	5-11	205	23	R	Oklahoma
39	Bob Conn	S	6-0	193	22	R	LSU
41	Ron Geels	S	5-11	190	22	R	Illinois
42	Chuck Muncie	HB	6-3	220	26	4	California
45	Jack Holmes	HB	5-11	210	26	2	Texas Southern
47	Nathaniel Durant	KR	5-5	153	22	R	S.W. Louisiana
48	Don Schwartz	SS	6-1	191	23	2	Washington St.
49	Ralph McGill	FS	5-11	178	29	8	Tulsa
50	Xen Boidelon	LB	6-4	226	25	3	Louisiana St.
51	Ron Crosby	LB	6-3	225	24	3	Penn State
52	Jim Kovach	LB	6-2	225	23	R	Kentucky
54	Pat Hughes	LB	6-2	225	32	10	Boston
55	Floyd Rice	LB	6-3	225	30	9	Alcorn State
56	Reggie Mathis	LB	6-2	220	23	R	Oklahoma
57	Jim Merlo	LB	6-1	220	27	6	Stanford
58	Joe Federspiel	LB	6-2	230	29	8	Kentucky
59	Ray Burks	LB	6-2	218	24	2	UCLA
60	Don Reese	DE	6-6	250	28	5	Jackson State
61	Mike Watson	T	6-6	275	23	2	Miami (O.)
62	John Hill	C	6-2	246	29	8	Lehigh
63	Roger Finnie	T	6-3	250	33	11	Florida A&M
64	Dave Lafary	G	6-7	280	24	3	Purdue
65	Robert Woods	T	6-4	259	29	7	Tennessee St.
66	Conrad Dobler	G	6-3	255	28	8	Wyoming
67	John Watson	T	6-4	244	30	9	Oklahoma
68	Fred Sturt	G	6-4	255	28	5	Bowling Green
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71	J.T. Taylor	T	6-4	265	23	2	Missouri
72	Mike Fultz	DT	6-5	278	25	3	Nebraska
73	Joe Campbell	DE	6-6	254	24	3	Maryland
74	Derland Moore	DT	6-4	253	27	7	Oklahoma
75	Elex Price	DT	6-3	265	29	7	Alcorn State
76	Barry Darrow	T	6-7	260	29	6	Montana
77	Gary Anderson	G	6-3	250	23	2	Stanford
78	Elors Grooms	DE	6-4	250	26	5	Tennessee Tech
79	Emanuel Zanders	G	6-1	248	28	6	Jackson State
80	David Hall	WR	6-3	193	23	R	Missouri-Rolla
82	Ike Harris	WR	6-3	210	26	5	Iowa State
83	Tinker Owens	WR	5-11	170	24	3	Oklahoma
84	Rich Mauli	WR	6-0	190	25	3	Penn State
85	Henry Childs	TE	6-2	220	28	6	Kansas State
86	Henry Pollard	TE	6-3	228	21	R	Arizona State
87	Larry Hardy	TE	6-3	230	23	2	Jackson State
88	Brooks Williams	TE	6-4	226	24	2	North Carolina
89	Wes Chandler	WR	5-11	186	23	2	Florida
90	Stan Sylsma	LB	6-3	219	23	R	Minnesota
91	Mike Otto	LB	6-2	224	25	1	Nev.-Las Vegas
95	Otis Rodgers	LB	6-3	224	26	1	Iowa State
98	Doug Panfil	G	6-5	248	22	R	Tulsa
99	Bob Howard	DE	6-3	241	24	1	Idaho State



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Bears Get Even With Southern Foes

SUWANEE, Ga. — The Bears' three-day weekend as the Atlanta Falcons' houseguests began with Al Harris being wheeled across the field in one direction and ended with Ron Robinson scampering the other direction with a 75-yard touchdown pass. Friday's bruises had turned to Sunday's badges.

"Any time you get better out of something that you first thought was bad," coach Neill Armstrong said as his players were checking out, "I like it."

THE TRIP HAD begun poorly long before Harris writhed on the ground in pain. The plane to Atlanta was delayed and the Bears didn't reach their rooms until 2 a.m. Friday morning. Five hours later, the walking alarm clocks reached the players' rooms, banging on their doors to signal the beginning of another day. "I thought I was still dreaming," safety Doug Plank said.

A few hours later, the Falcons seemed determined to hasten the dreams of other Bears. Both teams, practicing together for the first time, played the way they always do in their afternoon workouts. The Falcons always hit each other as if it's Sunday afternoon, even during their morning practices without pads. The Bears always let each other remain upright.

"One of the receivers asked me if I saw the way they were getting hit," safety Gary Fencik said. "See it? I heard it."

THE DIFFERENCE WAS not to the Bears' advantage. Besides Harris, half a dozen players of lesser expectations left the field with lesser injuries. Harris, the second defensive lineman drafted in the first round last May, returned immediately to Chicago, where an arthroscopy on his right knee indicated he hadn't damaged ligaments but would need surgery to repair his articular cartilage. The surgery was performed the next day by team physician Clarence Fossier, who stressed to the Bears that cartilage surgery is less serious than ligament surgery and this particular operation didn't even affect a weight-bearing cartilage.

The Bears hoped Harris would be able to play next month, perhaps even in time for the Sept. 2 opener, but declined to make specific predictions until the defensive end began lifting weights.

Friday night, Bear players asked coach Neill Armstrong not to encourage quicker whistles during the next two days of practice.

"The guys wanted to take care of our own," wide receiver Golden Richards said. Fencik told reporters, "These things have a way of evening out."

WHEN THEY evened out, it was without benefit of medical attention. Wide receivers who had spent Friday picking up their limp bodies were picking up only their feet in Saturday's practice. An offensive lineman who looked like he had emerged from a burning building after Friday's practice was all smiles Saturday.

The defense, for its part, improved even more than the offense. By Sunday, the first-string secondary allowed three completions in 15 attempts during a seven-on-seven drill where 75 per cent is not an unusual completion ratio. Alfred Jenkins, an injured Falcon receiver, said, "That Virgil Livers gets better every year."

"I think there's more maturity on this team," Richard said after the final practice. "We can

Smooth Finish After A Rocky Start



QUARTERBACK VINCE Evans turned in an impressive performance during the Bears' workouts with the Falcons. (Bear Report photo by Bill Smith)

take our licks, I'm sure, and rebound this year. Last year we got into a hole and never got out of it. I think this team can.

"THOSE INTANGIBLE things are so important. If you have a bad day of practice, can you come back the next day? This team is learning how to come back, get out of a hole. And every team gets down sometime."

The problem with the 1978 Bears, more than talent, was that it got down and stayed down. The team went into the regular season still heady from its playoff appearance in 1977, ap-

parently eager to see the terror in opponents' faces when the Bears took the field. Then they won their first three games. When the next two games were losses by four points and in overtime, the Bears didn't seem to think of them as cause for alarm. By the time they realized that overconfidence was inappropriate, they had slipped to the self-doubts that bred an eight-game losing streak with six close finishes. "I think we can stay more in between this year," Richards said.

One of the reasons for the Bears' trip to Atlanta was to see how well they could compete. As fullback Roland Harper said on the first day at the Falcon's training camp, "If the guys don't have their minds right now, how we're supposed to take on an opponent, this is an eye-opener."

IT WASN'T the first time two NFL teams had practiced jointly, but it was the first co-operative practice session of this magnitude. Generally, teams that share a training camp field simply put rookies through a scrimmage to give them playing time that can't be spared in exhibition games. The Bears' and the Falcons' workouts lasted three days, with one team staying in another team's facility and veterans working together nearly as much as rookies and reserves.

The facility probably was the catalyst for the deal. The Falcons are using their suburban training facility for its first training camp this summer. Knowing it would be ready, with its Falcon-owned motel, Atlanta general manager Eddie LeBaron called Bear general manager Jim Finks last fall and suggested their teams spend a few days together before the exhibition season began.

"Every time you work against someone else, you get a little more insight than when you're going against yourselves," Armstrong said. The defense can't anticipate the offense's moves. The coaches have more basis for evaluating their young players. Across the line of scrimmage are people who are eager to test their opponents fully and able to clobber each other with impunity. "Here," said Walter Payton, "you don't think about the guy you're trying to hit being a part of your team."

ALL OF THOSE advantages did not come without certain aggravations. Routines were upset. Energy was spent traveling. Opponents had to coexist on the same field and in the same dining room.

"I think it would be a little strained for me to sit down with them and have cereal or split a cheeseburger and tell them how good it is to be here," Plank said. "You can do that sort of thing in golf, maybe, but it's hard in football."

But as Richards said, "Whereas it's a drag to do a thing like this, it's a valuable measuring stick. At the end of the weekend, we'll see how far we have to go. How valuable this will be depends on where we go from here."

As they came home a week ago Sunday night, the Bears probably had at least as much insight about their team as they learned from their exhibition opener Saturday night. For example:

• Dan Hampton, the first first-round choice and the fourth player drafted last May, plays as well as or better than any other Bear defensive

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Don Pierson— Antoine Ends Long Struggle

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TO FEEL GOOD about quitting was no easy task, and Antoine admitted this. But his smile confirmed his feeling.

A year ago, he had said, "Why do I play? I love the game. I like the money I make. I'd like to keep making it as long as I can. I have five kids and the game provides a paycheck. Besides, I've been around it all my life. It's difficult to walk away."

He had hoped to play this year and the Bears wanted him badly enough to let him pass his physical. The club understood the risk. Few other teams would have passed him. To fail him would have saved the Bears more than half of his salary. Now they must pay him in full for only two days work.

"IT'S A CRIME, because he really wanted to be a great football player," said general manager Jim Finks. That made him different from some of the team's other No. 1 draft choices. Within a year and a half, Craig Clemons, Wally Chambers, Waymond Bryant and now Antoine are gone.

"He loved to play," said player rep Dan Jiggetts, the man whose career could blossom in Antoine's absence. "It's something we all have to go through. It might happen to me tomorrow. He's mature enough to face up to it. We'll miss him."

Antoine left with a smile. "I'll keep smiling, too," he said. He has a liquor store in Biloxi, Miss. He wants to buy a boat because next to football, he loves to fish. It's easier on the legs.

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George S. Halas, founder and owner of the Bears, was released from the Wesley Memorial Pavillion at Northwestern Hospital over a week ago. He had undergone surgery to remove blood clots. He is now resting comfortably at home and is hoping to attend the Bears regular season opener against the Packers September 2 in Soldier Field.

Limited Tickets For Packers

Only a limited number of single tickets remain for the Bears-Packers season opener. There are at least 2,000 tickets available for all the other regular season home games and 5,000 tickets remain for the August 18 pre-season clash with the Cincinnati Bengals.

Tickets are on sale at all Chicagoland Ticketron Outlets and at the Bears box office, 55 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago.

Cutdown Dates

These are the cutdown dates for all National Football League teams for the 1979 season:
Tuesday, August 14 — Cutdown to 60.
Tuesday, August 21 — Cutdown to 50.
Monday, August 27 — Cutdown to 45.



Michael Haggerty

- A Bear Report Regular -

The Saga Of a New Television Star

Plank Shows Off Talent In Commercials

Up until this year, Doug Plank had never been involved in a television commercial. But now, three-fourths of the way through 1979, he's already appeared in a pair of them.

The first one took place in mid-April on behalf of Sports Illustrated. That's ironic, when you stop and recall the fact that the magazine had earlier verbally fingered him as a villain in its series on pro football violence.

THE SPORTS Illustrated commercials are distributed on a regional basis. Other football personalities who participated in commercials relating to different parts of the country included Penn State football coach Joe Paterno, New York Giants punter Dave Jennings, Dallas Cowboys safety Cliff Harris and Los Angeles Rams quarterback Pat Haden.

Plank was matched with Pittsburgh Steelers running back Rocky Bleier and to look at their commercial, it'd be easy to think that they're old friends. Actually, their only prior personal contact took place back in 1975, when they were pitted against each other across the line of scrimmage in a Bears-Steelers game. And, even though they related to each other well during the course of the commercial, they didn't have much time for idle conversation. Their shooting time was only 25 minutes, which is almost unheard-of in the advertising business.

When you see the SI commercial, you probably notice the contrast between the way Plank and Bleier are dressed. Plank had arrived at the mid-town Manhattan studio attired in a smart-looking, three-piece, dark blue suit. But Bleier had done the same. Rocky had no other clothes with him and Doug had a leather jacket as an alternate article of clothing, so...

Using teleprompters, the players did several



On the Tube

SAFETY Doug Plank spent some of his off-season time making commercials. (Bear Report photo by Bill Smith)

run-throughs and then they performed in a mere seven takes.

"**THERE WERE** A couple of times when Rocky and I would just plain forget to come in after the other person's cue line," Plank says. "We'd be caught just sitting on those stools, staring into the camera, with nothing to say. And there were other times when we got the words fumbled-up."

There was a crew of 20 watching the players, but that didn't bother Plank. "I had no inhibitions about those people being there," he explains, "because I realized that if I did goof it up, we were going to do it over again. This wasn't like live TV, so I didn't feel like I was under any pressure at all. Probably the hardest thing we had to deal with was time. Once we got to the fourth or fifth take, we were reading our lines correctly, with the proper inflection and expression, but we were either a second too fast or a second too slow."

The original plan was for Bleier to assume approximately 70% of the dialogue, Plank 30%. That ratio was changed to about 60% for Bleier and 40% for Plank.

"**I DON'T KNOW** what happened. I don't know if they felt sorry for me or what," smiles Plank. "I

think that Rocky has more of a television voice than I do," Plank says. "Mine is real nasal in tone. I don't think you'll find many broadcasters with a voice like mine."

Going home to Chicago on the plane, Plank found that his and Bleier's lines were imbedded in his consciousness. "I could've recited the entire commercial, word-for-word," he remembers.

Plank's next television commercial happened in early June in Roselle for the United Way campaign with his attractive wife, Nancy. Plank felt his wife performed admirably ("I thought she did a real good job").

The filming site in Roselle was fine for the purposes of showing how a building could be adapted for the use of the handicapped. But the filming conditions were far from ideal. A nearby railroad track posed a constant noise problem, as did the fact that the building turned out to be directly located in an O'Hare Field flight pattern.

"It took us all day," Plank says. "We started at eight o'clock in the morning and we didn't finish until 6:30 at night. But the experience was really enjoyable. In fact, both of them were. I'm glad I had the opportunity to do both those commercials."

NFL Pre-Season Schedule

SATURDAY, JULY 28

Oakland 20, Dallas 13

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

Houston 9, St. Louis 7
Seattle 12, Minnesota 9 (OT)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

Baltimore 17, Philadelphia 14
Miami 14, New Orleans 7

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

BEARS 27, New York Jets 14
Pittsburgh 15, Buffalo 7
Washington 9, Tampa Bay 7
New England 37, Atlanta 14
Cincinnati 40, Detroit 28
New York Giants 27, Cleveland 7
Dallas 7, Denver 6
Green Bay 14, Kansas City 10
Los Angeles 20, Oakland 14 (OT)
San Francisco 13, San Diego 10

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

Atlanta at St. Louis 7:30
Philadelphia at Kansas City 7:30

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

BEARS at New Orleans 1:00
Detroit at Buffalo 6:00
Minnesota at San Diego 6:00
New York Giants at Pittsburgh 6:00
San Francisco at Oakland 6:00
Miami at Tampa Bay 7:00
Washington at Denver 7:30
Baltimore at Cleveland 8:00
Green Bay at Cincinnati 8:00

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

New York Jets at Houston 12:30
Los Angeles at New England 1:00

Dallas at Seattle 6:00

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

Baltimore at Philadelphia 8:00
Pittsburgh at New York Jets 8:00

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

Cincinnati at **BEARS** 6:00
New Orleans at Tampa Bay 7:00
Seattle at Los Angeles 7:00
Washington at Atlanta 7:00
Denver at San Francisco 7:30
St. Louis at Kansas City 7:30
Buffalo at Green Bay 8:00
Cleveland at Detroit 8:00
Houston at Dallas 8:00
Miami at Minnesota 8:00
San Diego at New York Giants 8:00

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

Oakland at New England 1:00

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

Kansas City at Minnesota 7:00

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

Houston at New Orleans 7:00
Cleveland at Washington 7:30
New England at Denver 7:30
San Francisco at Seattle 7:30
Detroit at Baltimore 8:00
Philadelphia at Miami 8:00

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

BEARS at St. Louis 6:00
Buffalo at Oakland 6:00
San Diego at Los Angeles 7:00
Atlanta vs. Green Bay (Mil.) 8:00
N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants 8:00
Pittsburgh at Dallas 8:00
Tampa Bay at Cincinnati 8:00

Kevin Lamb— Rough Start After a Smooth Finish

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lineman. According to one scout, when Atlanta tackle Warren Bryant dealt his injuring block to Harris, the 6-6, 270-pound Falcon lineman was upset about the way Hampton had trifled with him on successive plays.

•With or without Allan Ellis, the Bears have an outstanding defensive backfield. Ellis, the Pro Bowl veteran cornerback who missed last season because of knee surgery, won't be able to assess his health until after an exhibition or two.

•If there is one particular liability in the Bears' passing game, it is the blocking, not the throwing. Bob Avellini, Mike Phipps and Vince Evans all have looked at least adequate in practice, and the influence of receivers coach Doug Gerhart has restored some order to the running of patterns, which last year had the consistency of a kaleidoscope.

•Evans will have his best shot yet at winning the quarterback job. He threw the 75-yard touchdown pass to Robinson in the scrimmage against the Falcons and looked good enough for Armstrong to say he wants to see plenty of him in exhibition games. Evans already had had as much practice time as the other quarterbacks, which wasn't the case last year.

•Tight end Mike Cobb and fullback John Skibinski played well enough for Armstrong to parcel out some rarely granted individual praise.

Manning Has Best Season

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an injury filled offensive line. Guards Conrad Dobler and Emanuel Zanders and tackle John Watson were disabled last season. They are all expected back and in full health.

"I certainly anticipate we will be an improved team," Nolan added. "Our running game will be improved by just the return of all of our injured lineman from last year."

ANOTHER IMPROVEMENT on offense will come in the position of placekicker. On the first round of the 1979 draft, the team selected Russell Erxleben of Texas. In his college career, Erxleben hit on 49 of 78 field goal attempts and 120 of 134 extra point tries. Three field goals were over 60 yards long and 11 were for more than 50 yards.

Nolan also expects the defense to improve in 1979. Early in the season, the Saints switched to a flex defense and it took the team most of the season to get used to it. But the defense placed 15th in the league compared to 25th in 1977.

"The defense will be better because our players gained experience by playing the flex," the head coach said.

On the whole, Nolan feels the team will perform better in 1979 because the adjustment period to a new coaching staff should be over.

"Our team will be better prepared this year because our coaches and players have had a year to know each other and learn our system," he said.

Monday Night Football Schedule

All Monday night games are televised nationally by the ABC television network. (All times listed are local).

September 3	Pittsburgh at New England	9:00
September 10	Atlanta at Philadelphia	9:00
September 17	New York Giants at Washington	9:00
September 24	Dallas at Cleveland	9:00
October 1	New England at Green Bay	8:00
October 8	Miami at Oakland	6:00
October 15	Minnesota at New York Jets	9:00
October 22	Denver at Pittsburgh	9:00
October 29	Seattle at Atlanta	9:00
November 5	Houston at Miami	9:00
November 12	Philadelphia at Dallas	8:00
November 19	Atlanta at Los Angeles	6:00
November 26	New York Jets at Seattle	6:00
December 3	Oakland at New Orleans	8:00
December 10	Pittsburgh at Houston	8:00
December 17	Denver at San Diego	6:00

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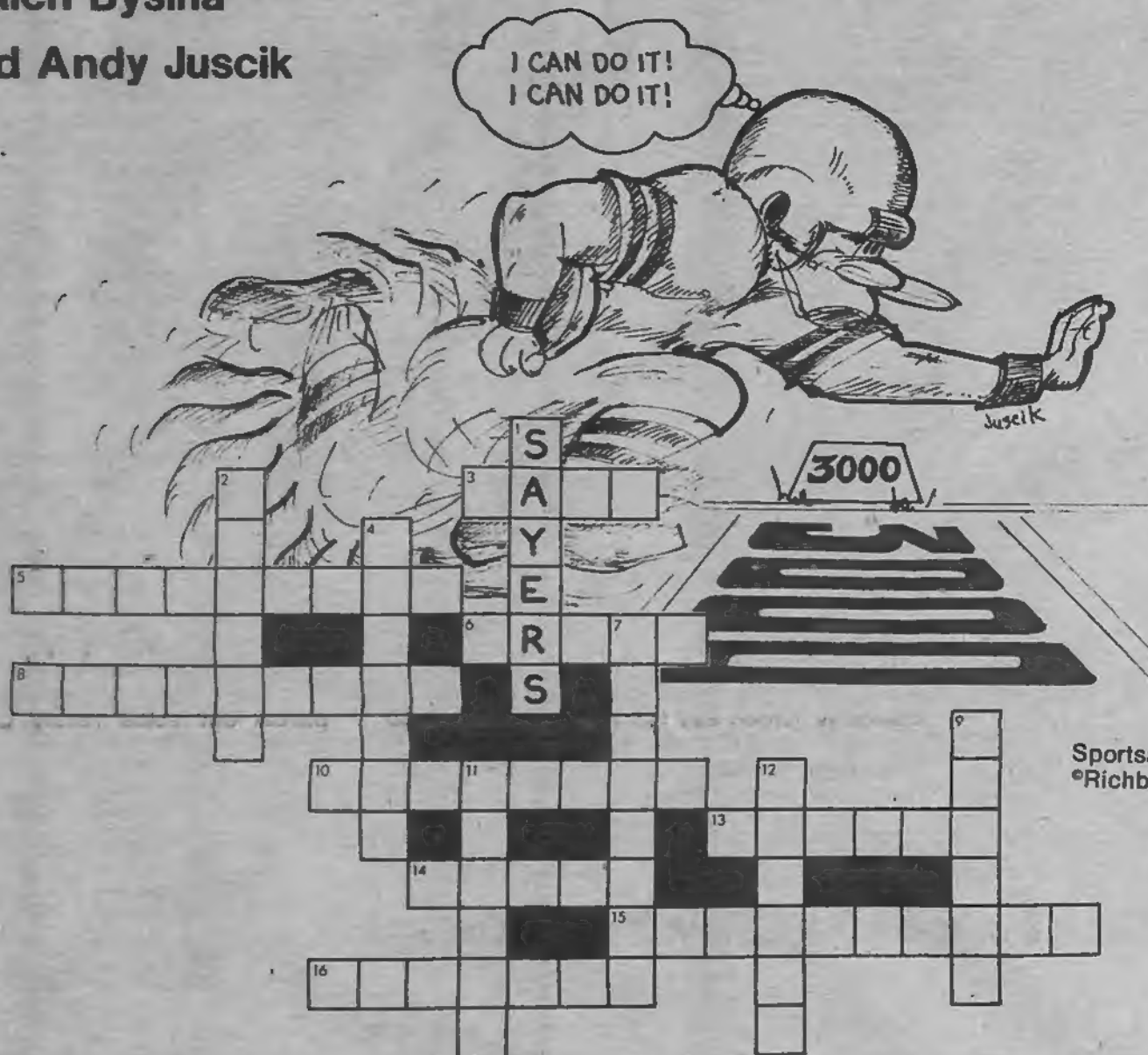
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Now that the 2,000-yard barrier has been broken — granted, it's only been done once — what's next? Why, 3,000 yards, of course! Impossible? Not at all.

This week Sportsagram shows how it can be done, week by week, from game No. 1 to No. 16. All any running back has to do is to keep pace with our 16 NFL rushers' actual single-game performances described in each clue, and he'll hit 3,000 yards right on the nose!

Hidden within each clue is the player's last name. It may be hidden in correct spelling order, or as an anagram (mixed-up letters), as in No. 1, "HIS YEARS...", spells SAYERS when rearranged in proper order. Anagrams are always capitalized in consecutive letters.

Game No.

- 1 HIS YEARS with the Bears were unforgettable, especially this game in '68 against Green Bay, which set a new team record. Start with 205 yards.
- 2 What a BILL! REMEMBER his fantastic game against the Giants last year? (The best single-game performance in '78.) Add 208 yards.
- 3 A PhenomenAL 11-year running career ended after last season, so let's take his best game of '78. Add 144 yards.
- 4 This potential Hall of FAMER ON the Vikings had his best game ever against the Eagles in '76. Add an even 200 yards.
- 5 This Packer is botTLED DI-NO-Mite, as Detroit found out last season with his best rushing total ever. Add 148 yards.
- 6 On November 24th, 1957, this Cleveland Brown's rushing total against the Rams set a new NFL record. Pile on 237 yards.
- 7 Though no relation to William Shatner, this Dolphin rushing star trekked for his best game in '78 against Buffalo. Tag on another 144 yards.
- 8 Often running with THE VENGEANCE of a man possessed, this Raider's best game of '78 (and his only one over 100 yards!) was against the Packers. Mark a tough 151 yards.
- 9 A sharper blocker you'll never see, though last year he was only eight yards shy of 1,000, helped by his best game against Tampa Bay. Roll up 144 yards.
- 10 Amazing how this rookie could raMBLE, PLACing his Oilers in the playoffs for the first time. With his super Monday Night effort against Miami, add 199 yards.
- 11 A quick sPURT Time and again left would-be tacklers in the dust. With his best (and last) game in '78 against cross-state rival Cincinnati, add 182 yards.
- 12 On November 20th, 1977, he was virtually impossible to sTOP ... ANY Viking defender will attest to that. Add an NFL-record-breaking 275 yards.
- 13 The famous Packer power sweep could deSTROY A Lot of people in its path, as he proved in his best game ever in 1961. Add 186 yards.
- 14 The best rushing performance in 1970 put the Eagles in a temporary snAFU. Quick, what Steeler set a team record (that still stands) in a losing cause? Add 218 yards.
- 15 What do Eagle fans want from MONTY? MORE Games like the best one he had in '78 against Baltimore. Add 144 yards.
- 16 Rushing for 3,000 is a strenuous BATTLE, but this Boston Brave's effort — first one ever to rush for 200 yards in a game (October 8th, 1933) — is the clincher. Add a final 215 yards.

Answers on Page 15

NFL Regular Season Schedule

(All Times Local)

FIRST WEEKEND**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

Detroit at Tampa Bay 8:00

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Green Bay at BEARS 1:00

San Francisco at Minnesota 12:00

Atlanta at New Orleans 1:00

Dallas at St. Louis 1:00

Houston at Washington 1:00

Miami at Buffalo 1:00

N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia 1:00

Oakland at Los Angeles 1:00

San Diego at Seattle 1:00

Cincinnati at Denver 2:00

Baltimore at Kansas City 3:00

Cleveland at N.Y. Jets 4:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Pittsburgh at New England 9:00

SECOND WEEKEND**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

Los Angeles at Denver 6:30

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Minnesota at BEARS 12:00

New Orleans vs.

Green Bay (Mil.) 12:00

Cincinnati at Buffalo 1:00

Dallas at San Francisco 1:00

Houston at Pittsburgh 1:00

Oakland at San Diego 1:00

St. Louis at N.Y. Giants 1:00

Washington at Detroit 1:00

Tampa Bay at Baltimore 2:00

Cleveland at Kansas City 3:00

N.Y. Jets at New England 4:00

Seattle at Miami 4:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Atlanta at Philadelphia 9:00

THIRD WEEKEND**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

BEARS at Dallas 3:00

Philadelphia at New Orleans 12:00

Baltimore at Cleveland 1:00

Buffalo at San Diego 1:00

Denver at Atlanta 1:00

Detroit at N.Y. Jets 1:00

Kansas City at Houston 1:00

Miami at Minnesota 1:00

New England at Cincinnati 1:00

Oakland at Seattle 1:00

San Francisco at Los Angeles 1:00

Tampa Bay at Green Bay 1:00

Pittsburgh at St. Louis 3:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

N.Y. Giants at Washington 9:00

FOURTH WEEKEND**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

BEARS at Miami 4:00

Green Bay at Minnesota 12:00

Atlanta at Detroit 1:00

Baltimore at Pittsburgh 1:00

Houston at Cincinnati 1:00

New Orleans at San Francisco 1:00

N.Y. Jets at Buffalo 1:00

Oakland at Kansas City 1:00

San Diego at New England 1:00

Washington at St. Louis 1:00

Seattle at Denver 2:00

Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants 4:00

Los Angeles at Tampa Bay 4:00

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Dallas at Cleveland 9:00

FIFTH WEEKEND**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30**

Tampa Bay at BEARS 1:00

N.Y. Giants at New Orleans 12:00

Cleveland at Houston 1:00

Denver at Oakland 1:00

Kansas City at Seattle 1:00

Miami at N.Y. Jets 1:00

Minnesota at Detroit 1:00

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia 1:00

St. Louis at Los Angeles 1:00

San Francisco at San Diego 1:00

Washington at Atlanta 1:00

Buffalo at Baltimore 2:00

Cincinnati at Dallas 3:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

New England at Green Bay 8:00

SIXTH WEEKEND**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7**

BEARS at Buffalo 1:00

Detroit at New England 1:00

Green Bay at Atlanta 1:00

Kansas City at Cincinnati 1:00

Philadelphia at Washington 1:00

Pittsburgh at Cleveland 1:00

St. Louis at Houston 1:00

Seattle at San Francisco 1:00

Tampa Bay at N.Y. Giants 1:00

San Diego at Denver 2:00

Dallas at Minnesota 3:00

N.Y. Jets at Baltimore 4:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8

Miami at Oakland 6:00

SEVENTH WEEKEND**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14**

New England at BEARS 1:00

Atlanta at Oakland 1:00

Buffalo at Miami 1:00

Denver at Kansas City 1:00

New Orleans at Tampa Bay 1:00

Philadelphia at St. Louis 12:00

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati 1:00

San Francisco at N.Y. Giants 1:00

Seattle at San Diego 1:00

Washington at Cleveland 1:00

Houston at Baltimore 2:00

Detroit vs. Green Bay (Mil.) 3:00

Los Angeles at Dallas 8:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

Minnesota at N.Y. Jets 9:00

EIGHTH WEEKEND**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21**

BEARS at Minnesota 1:00

Atlanta at San Francisco 1:00

Baltimore at Buffalo 1:00

Cincinnati at Cleveland 1:00

Detroit at New Orleans 1:00

Green Bay at Tampa Bay 1:00

Houston at Seattle 1:00

Miami at New England 1:00

Oakland at N.Y. Jets 1:00

St. Louis at Dallas 1:00

San Diego at Los Angeles 1:00

Washington at Philadelphia 1:00

N.Y. Giants at Kansas City 3:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22

Denver at Pittsburgh 9:00

NINTH WEEKEND**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25**

San Diego at Oakland 6:00

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

BEARS at San Francisco 1:00

Buffalo at Detroit 1:00

N.Y. Jets at Houston 12:00

Cleveland at St. Louis 1:00

Dallas at Pittsburgh 1:00

New Orleans at Washington 1:00

N.Y. Giants at Los Angeles 1:00

Tampa Bay at Minnesota 1:00

Kansas City at Denver 2:00

New England at Baltimore 2:00

Green Bay at Miami 4:00

Philadelphia at Cincinnati 4:00

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29

Seattle at Atlanta 9:00

THIRTEENTH WEEKEND**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

BEARS at Detroit 12:30

Houston at Dallas 3:00

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Buffalo at New England 1:00

Cleveland at Pittsburgh 1:00

Kansas City at San Diego 1:00

Los Angeles at San Francisco 1:00

Minnesota at Tampa Bay 1:00

New Orleans at Atlanta 1:00

Philadelphia at Green Bay 1:00

St. Louis at Cincinnati 1:00

Washington at N.Y. Giants 1:00

Oakland at Denver 2:00

Miami at Baltimore 4:00

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

N.Y. Jets at Seattle 6:00

FOURTEENTH WEEKEND**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

New England at Miami 8:30

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

BEARS at Tampa Bay 1:00

Atlanta at San Diego 1:00

Baltimore at N.Y. Jets 1:00

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh 1:00

Denver at Buffalo 1:00

Detroit at Philadelphia 1:00

Green Bay at Washington 1:00

Houston at Cleveland 1:00

Minnesota at Los Angeles 1:00

San Francisco at St. Louis 1:00

Seattle at Kansas City 1:00

N.Y. Giants at Dallas 3:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

Oakland at New Orleans 8:00

FIFTEENTH WEEKEND**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8**

Dallas at Philadelphia 12:30

Denver at Seattle 1:00

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

BEARS at Green Bay 12:00

N.Y. Giants at St. Louis 12:00

Buffalo at Minnesota 1:00

Cincinnati at Washington 1:00

Cleveland at Oakland 1:00

Los Angeles at Atlanta 1:00

Miami at Detroit 1:00

Tampa Bay at San Francisco 1:00

Kansas City at Baltimore 2:00

San Diego at New Orleans 3:00

New England at N.Y. Jets 4:00

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

Pittsburgh at Houston 8:00

SIXTEENTH WEEKEND**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15**

Green Bay at Detroit 4:00

N.Y. Jets at Miami 12:30

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16

St. Louis at BEARS 1:00

Baltimore at N.Y. Giants 1:00

Buffalo at Pittsburgh 1:00

Cleveland at Cincinnati 1:00

Kansas City at Tampa Bay 1:00

Minnesota at New England 1:00

New Orleans at Los Angeles 1:00

San Francisco at Atlanta 1:00

Seattle at Oakland 1:00

Philadelphia at Houston 3:00

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A Helping Hand

Dear Bears,

Here are some players that the Bears could really use for a small price:

1. Norm Robinson-DE-Cut from Dallas.
2. Tom Macleod-OLB-Retired Baltimore.
3. Tom Graham-MLB-Cut from Buffalo.
4. Bob Babich-MLB-Cut from Cleveland.
5. Jim Carter-MLB-Retired from Green Bay.
6. Jim Cooper-C-Dallas.
7. Dan Ryczek-C-Los Angeles.
8. Bob Rush-C-San Diego.
9. Karl Chandler-C-Detroit free agent.
10. Phil Olsen-C-Buffalo free agent.
11. Doug Dumler-C-Retired Minnesota.
12. Mark Markovich-C-Detroit.
13. Leon White-C-Los Angeles.
14. Orrin Olsen-C-Baltimore

Tom McKean,
Moline, Illinois

Better Late Than Never

Dear Sir,

First of all, I do want to apologize for this somewhat late payment of my subscription for last year to your newspaper. The late payment stems from the fact that after I received your invoice, I later in the month moved to this present address, and somewhere in moving all my belongings to my new apartment, the invoice was misplaced. But now I am paying you in full for last years' subscription.

Also you will notice that there is an additional \$12.95 and this is for this year's subscription to the '79-'80 edition of the BEAR REPORT. Yes sir, I enjoyed last year's subscription so much that I do once again want to get it weekly and follow the Bears on their way to the playoffs as in 1977. Hopefully once again with another strong draft as they had in May, they can again return to the type of play that led them to so many championships under the George Halas regime.

Once again, I want to thank you for the fine coverage that your paper gives to the fans of the Bears and I am sure I am only one of many that feel the same way about your paper, that it is one great aid to enjoying professional football year round. Continue the good work. I can hardly wait for the first issue and the free color team photo that will be sent sometime early in September.

Cordially yours,
Glen D. McBride, Jr.
DeKalb, IL

Draft Is Tops

Dear Doug,

This year's draft was one of Chicago's best ever. The first-round selections were excellent. The Bears do need help on the defensive end and a solid front line is the place to start. The not drafting a quarterback is not that big of a deal; the Bears now have enough good people and good enough depth to trade for a quality position that may be below average. After this year's draft, the Bears are ready to win some ball games.

Ryan Kling,
Edwardsburg, MI

Great Photos

Dear Doug,

This is my first year receiving the BEAR REPORT, and I think it is a good paper. I think the photos of the games are interesting to look at. To me, it's almost like I'm down on the field. Keep up the good work, and bring us a pennant next year. I'm behind the Bears 110% all of the time.

Thank You,
Duane Menision,
Lasalle, IL

Sportsagram Answers

	'Running' Total in Yards
1 Gale SAYERS	205
2 Terry MILLER	413
3 MacArthur LANE	557
4 Chuck FOREMAN	757
5 Terrell MIDDLETON	905
6 Jim BROWN	1,142
7 Delvin WILLIAMS	1,286
8 Mark VAN EEGHEN	1,437
9 Roland HARPER	1,581
10 Earl CAMPBELL	1,780
11 Greg PRUITT	1,962
12 Walter PAYTON	2,237
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Game Photos by Bill Smith



CAROLYN CARUSO (above) and the rest of the Honey Bears had a lot to cheer about Saturday night. One play which brought smiles to their faces was an interception by Virgil Livers (right) in the second quarter.

